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REF CAIRO 13730 (NOTAL),

1. AUG 19 WEEKLY MUSAWAR, AVAILABLE ON CAIRO NEWSSTANDS
TODAY, AUG 18, CONTAINS UNDATED INTERVIEW WITH FAROUQ
QADDUMI, CHIEF OF PLO POLITICAL DEPT. QADDUMI DENIED THERE
ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN US POLICY ON PART OF NEW AD-
MINISTRATION; BOTH KISSINGER AND PRES CARTER AFTER "REAL
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ARAB CONCESSIONS". PRES'S REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN HOMELAND,
HE SAID, OF NO IMPORTANCE UNTIL THIS CRYSTALLIZED IN FORM
SECURITY COUNCIL RES.

2. QADDUMI WARNED USG NOT VETO COMMITTEE OF 20 REPORT ON
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS. ONLY IF AMERICA ACCEPTS REPORT
WILL QADDUMI ADMIT THERE PROGRESS IN US STAND ON ME.

3. ACCORDING QADDUMI, PLO HAS NO OBJECTION TO DIALOGUE WITH US BUT HE SAID IT CLEAR AMERICAN SIDE OPPOSES THIS. IN HIS VIEW, PLO HAS DEMONSTRATED FLEXIBILITY BY (A) EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS CONDUCT DIALOGUE WITH USG, (B) STATING READINESS BUILD INDEPENDENT STATE ON "PART OF THEIR TERRITORIES" AND (C) SHOWING READINESS ATTEND GENEVA CONF ON "BASIS OF REALIZING WHAT IS STIPULATED BY UN RESOLUTIONS".

4. PLO LEADER REGRETTED ISRAELI "IMPUDENCE", WHICH MAKES PALESTINIANS DOUBT ADVANTAGES OF FLEXIBILITY. IN PARTICULAR, QADDUMI NOTED BEGIN'S CLAIM THAT WEST BANK AND GAZA PART OF ISRAELI TERRITORY AND ISRAELI GOVT'S LEGALIZATION OF NEW SETTLEMENTS.

5. QADDUMI CHARACTERIZED PLO'S TIES WITH ALMOST ALL ARAB STATES AS UPBEAT: WITH SYRIA, RELATIONS HAVE "ESCALATED FOR THE BETTER"; WITH EGYPT, PLO PROMOTING "SOLIDARITY AND COORDINATION"; SAUDI ARABIA BEING PUT "IN THE PICTURE"; WHILE PLO ENJOYS "CLOSE RELATIONS" WITH ALGERIA, MOROCCO, TUNISIA, IRAQ, LIBYA AND KUWAIT. (NOTE: JORDAN, ALONE OF CONFRONTATION STATES, EXCLUDED FROM PRAISE.)

6. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, QADDUMI DELCARED PLO POSITION ON UNSC RES 242 CANNOT BE CHANGED EXCEPT BY NATIONAL COUNCIL.

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7. COMMENT: FROM CONTEXT OF INTERVIEW, IT APPARENTLY CONDUCTED PRIOR TO ISRAELI EXTENTION OF EQUAL RIGHTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND DECISION ESTABLISH THREE MORE SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK.

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